

Blue Ridge Fiber Fest

Wool, Skein & Garment Contest

Contest Rules:

1. Each entry must be made entirely by the exhibitor within the previous twelve (12) months, be clean and odor-free.
2. An item may be entered into one class only. Exhibitor may enter unlimited items per class, with no maximum number of classes.
3. All entries must include:
 - Entry fee of \$4.00 for each item entered
 - Completed entry form
 - Each entry should be placed into a one-gallon zip lock bag with entry card, unless item is too large, then the next suitable sized zip lock bag should be used
 - An attached entry card
 - On reverse side of each 4"x6" entry card, a small address label with the name and address of exhibitor should be placed
4. Entries will be accepted on Thursday June 6, 2024 between 2:00 – 5:00 pm and Friday, June 7, 2024 until noon, at the Fairgrounds.
5. Judging will take place Saturday, June 8, 2024 starting at 9:00 am. Judges reserve the right to shift entries to more appropriate classes, without penalty to the exhibitor, and to combine or divide classes at will.
6. Judges' decisions are FINAL. Entry fees will not be refunded for disqualified items.
7. Entries will be on display for entirety of the fiber festival and will be released on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 5:00 pm. Items NOT picked up by 5:00 pm will become property of the Blue Ridge Fiber Festival.
8. Entries will be displayed with care, and will be supervised during festival hours, however, the festival assumes no responsibility for damage or theft of entered items. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to insure their entries, if so desired.
9. Interested persons are welcome to watch the judging, but are instructed not to talk to, or question judges during judging. Please wait until after judging to ask your questions of the judge.

Questions should be directed to the WSG coordinator: Ruth Hutton by email at: rhutt2006@yahoo.com or to blueridgefiberfest@gmail.com

Wool Contest

Sheep, Camelid, Mohair & Exotics

Wool Contest Rules

1. Entry must consist of a 2-ounce, clean prime raw fiber sample from the blanket area of the animal.
2. Fiber must be at least 2 ½ inches long and be no more than 12 months growth.
3. Judging will be based on:
 - a. Fleece weight (quantity or quality, end use)
 - b. Fiber diameter (representative grade for species and breed)
 - c. Yield (vegetable matter and grease weight)
 - d. Length/Strength (longer the staple the more desirable fleece, to a point)
 - e. Purity (undesirable fibers, kemp, contamination, stains, etc)
 - f. Uniformity (evenness of fiber diameter, length, character)
 - g. Character (luster, brightness, color, crimp indicative of breed, handle)
4. Entries will be disqualified if parasitic infection is present, fiber not meeting minimum length.

Classes as follows:

1. Sheep – Fine wool breeds and crosses
2. Sheep – Medium wool breeds and crosses
3. Sheep – Longwool breeds and crosses
4. Alpaca – Huacaya
5. Alpaca – Suri
6. Llama – Single coat
7. Llama – Double coat
8. Llama – Suri
9. Other camelid
10. Mohair – White
11. Mohair – Colored
12. Exotics - all colors of rabbit angora

Skein, Garment & Fiber Arts Contest

Skein, Garment & Fiber Arts Contest Rules

1. Entry must be made from a minimum 75% natural (plant or animal) fiber content.
2. Natural fiber occurs naturally in nature from plants or animal (i.e. cotton, flax, hemp, sheep, dogs, llamas, bison, goat, rabbit, or silk), and are not regenerated or manufactured fibers which start with natural products but are made by human hands (i.e. bamboo, rayon, soy or milk).
3. Handspun refers only to yarn produced by the exhibitor, all others are commercial.
4. If there are more than 15 entries per category, the category may be divided at the discretion of the judge(s).
5. Handspun Yarn: A minimum of 2 oz. and/or 40 yards (unless otherwise stated); neatly wound with a circumference of 1 ½ to 2 yards; tied in at least 4 places, in figure-8 fashion, with matching yarn; and washed to set the twist.

Classes as follows:

SKEINS

1. Handspun, single
2. Handspun, two or more ply
3. Handspun, lace weight (min 1 oz or 25 yards)
4. Spindle Spun (min 1 oz or 35 yards)
5. Handspun, Art/Novelty (techniques such as boucle, corespun, locks, chain, etc)
6. Novice Spinner (less than 1 year), single or plied
7. Handspun, dyed by entrant using natural dyes
8. Handspun, dyed by entrant using chemical dyes (acid dyes, Kool-aid, etc)
9. Commercial yarn, dyed by entrant using natural dyes
10. Commercial yarn, dyed by entrant using chemical dyes (acid dyes, Kool-aid, etc)

GARMENTS & FIBER ARTS

Knitting

1. Handknit garment, using handspun yarn (no shawls, scarves or wraps)
2. Handknit garment, using commercial yarn (no shawls, scarves or wraps)
3. Handknit garment – shawl, scarf, or wrap, using handspun yarn
4. Handknit garment – shawl, scarf, or wrap, using commercial yarn
5. Handknit accessory – hat, gloves, purse, socks, etc using handspun yarn
6. Handknit accessory – hat, gloves, purse, socks, etc using commercial yarn
7. Machine knitted item
8. NEW - Recycled wool, small or large garment. Wool or wool yarn used must be a minimum of 75% wool, remainder being natural fibers

Crochet

1. Small crocheted item using handspun yarn (i.e. socks, hat, mittens, scarf, etc)
2. Small crocheted item using commercial yarn (i.e. socks, hat, mittens, scarf, etc)
3. Large crocheted item using handspun yarn (i.e. sweater, shawl, afghan, etc)
4. Large crocheted item using commercial yarn (i.e. sweater, shawl, afghan, etc)

5. NEW - Recycled wool, small or large crocheted item. Wool or wool yarn used must be a minimum of 75% wool, remainder being natural fibers

Weaving

1. Woven wearable item using handspun yarn
2. Woven wearable item using commercial yarn
3. Other woven item using handspun yarn
4. Other woven item using commercial yarn
5. NEW - Recycled wool, small or large woven item. Wool or wool yarn used must be a minimum of 75% wool, remainder being natural fibers

Felting

1. Needle felted 2D item
2. Needle felted 3D item
3. Wet Felted 2D item
4. Wet Felted 3D item
5. Combined wet and needle felted item, 2D or 3D
6. NEW - Recycled wool, small or large felted item - wet or dry felted. Wool or wool yarn used must be a minimum of 75% wool, remainder being natural fibers